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1. CENTRAL INSTITUTE FOR NUTRITION RESEARCH (CIVO-TNO)
CONFIRMS HAVING CARRIED OUT 90-DAY STUDY OF ORAL INGESTION
OF PVC AT REQUEST OF INDUSTRIAL GROUP. ACCORDING TO MINISTRY
OF HEALTH OFFICER, FOLLOWING FIRMS, WHICH ARE PVC MANUFACTURERS,
COMPRISE GROUP OF WHICH FUNDED STUDY: PHILIPS (DUTCH MULTINATIONAL),
DUTCH STATE MINES, AND DEUTSCHES KUNSTOF EURZENGNES, OF GERMANY.
CIVO-TNO ALSO CONFIRMS THAT IT IS CONDUCTING 2-YEAR FOLLOW UP
STUDY. HOWEVER, BECAUSE RESEARCH IS FUNDED BY COMMERCIAL
INTERESTS, WHICH THEREFORE HAVE PROPRIETARY RIGHTS, CIVO-TNO
GROUP IS UNWILLING TO SHARE WITH EMBASSY RESULTS OF THEIR
RESEARCH.

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3. MINISTRY OF HEALTH ALSO ADVISES THAT INVESTIGATION INTO MIGRATION OF PCV FROM PACKAGING MATERIAL AND WATER PIPES IS BEING CONDUCTED BY NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH. METHODOLOGY FOR DETERMINING VC IN PVC ALSO UNDER EXAMINATION.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS EXPECTS TO PUBLISH SOON A REPORT ON STUDY CONCERNING EFFECTS OF PVC ON WORKERS ENGAGED IN ITS PRODUCTION. WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH HEALTH AND SOCIAL MINISTRIES AND ADVISE FURTHER.
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